

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith.

### **I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 3, 5, 11, 24, 26, and 32 are pending and are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12-23, 25, 27-31, and 33-42 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

### **II. OBJECTIONS**

Claims 1 and 22 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75, as allegedly being a substantial duplicate of claims 3 and 24 respectively. Claims 1 and 22 have been canceled.

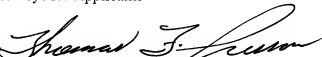
## **CONCLUSION**

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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